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REGIONAL OFFICE WEEKLY REPORT

UNSETTLED WEATHER CONDITIONS WITH SCATTERED RAINS IN ARIZONA AND CALIFORNIA CONTINUE TO DELAY THE COMPLETION OF THE SEASON IN THE EXTREME WEST. CONDITIONS IN NEW MEXICO AND WEST TEXAS WERE FAVORABLE AND INDICATIONS ARE PREVALENT THAT MOST GINS WILL LIKELY CLOSE IN THAT AREA VERY SOON.

UPON RECEIPT OF OUR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 29, WORK WAS STARTED ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE REPORT REQUESTED BY THE WASHINGTON OFFICE. ALL CALCULATIONS AND ESTIMATES ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN A DAY OR TWO.

PLANS ARE UNDER WAY TO BEGIN THE PREPARATION OF INDIVIDUAL GIN AND GROUP REPORTS. ALL NECESSARY FORMS ARE NOW ON HAND, AND A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF CLOSE-OUT REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED TO BEGIN THIS PHASE OF OUR WORK.

MR. LANHAM IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO SAN FRANCISCO WEDNESDAY EVENING. HE WAS UNABLE TO SECURE TRAIN RESERVATIONS, AND IS RETURNING BY CAR WHICH WILL ENABLE HIM TO VISIT SEVERAL POINTS ENROUTE AND DISCUSS THE WORK WITH VARIOUS GINNERS, COUNTY AGENTS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS.

QUOTATIONS FROM FIELD OFFICE WEEKLY REPORTS

BAKERSFIELD - UNSETTLED WEATHER CONDITIONS CONTINUE TO HINDER FARMING OPERATIONS. LIGHT TO HEAVY RAINS FELL THROUGHOUT THE VALLEY FOR TWO DAYS EARLIER IN THE WEEK, AND SINCE THEN CLOUDY OVERCAST SKIES WITH EARLY MORNING FOGS HAVE MADE ONE FEEL AS THOUGH THE CALIFORNIA WEATHER HAS LEFT US FOR GOOD. RECENT RAINS HAVE BEEN VERY BENEFICIAL, ESPECIALLY TO THE MANY VEGETABLE CROPS. WITH NO ADDITIONAL RAIN OVER THE WEEK END, HARVESTING OF THE REMAINING COTTON SHOULD GET UNDER WAY BY NOT LATER THAN TUESDAY OF NEXT WEEK. REPORTS INDICATE THAT PRACTICALLY ALL GINS WILL HAVE CLOSED BY THE TWENTIETH OF THIS MONTH. WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT WE WILL HAVE APPROXIMATELY 15,000 ADDITIONAL SAMPLES TO CLASS BEFORE THIS SEASON IS OFFICIALLY OVER. THE WRITER WAS IN FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, ON MARKET NEWS WORK THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK. ON MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 6TH, HE EXPECTS TO DEPART FOR BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING MR. LANHAM AND BRINGING HIM TO BAKERSFIELD, SINCE HE WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING TRAIN RESERVATIONS. WHILE IN BLYTHE, WE EXPECT TO CALL ON MR. FRANK MANUSH WHO IS ONE OF OUR COOPERATIVE GINNERS. MR. WILLIAM C. DIXON WILL REPORT FOR HIS PRE-INDUCTION PHYSICAL NEXT TUESDAY. HE HAS BEEN NOTIFIED BY THE LOCAL DRAFT BOARD THAT HE IS TO BE EXAMINED IN LOS ANGELES. AS INDICATED BY OUR PREVIOUS REPORT, THE DEMAND FOR THE HIGHER QUALITIES REMAINS NIL. A FAIRLY GOOD DEMAND STILL PREVAILS FOR THE GRADES LOW MIDDLING AND BELOW, AND A SMALL AMOUNT OF ACTIVITY HAS BEEN APPARENT IN THE QUALITIES STRICT MIDDLING AND MIDDLING GREY. INQUIRIES STILL REMAIN FEW AND ARE MOSTLY FROM SOUTHEASTERN MILLS FOR PROMPT SHIPMENTS. NO ACTIVITY AS YET HAS BEEN REPORTED IN CURRENT CROP EQUITIES, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE A FEW REPORTS OF 1942 EQUITIES BEING SOLD AT AN AVERAGE PRICE OF \$5.00 TO THE GROWER.....SMITH.

EL PASO - WEATHER CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN FAVORABLE FOR GATHERING THE REMAINDER OF THE CROP, AND A NUMBER OF GINS HAVE CLOSED AND NUMEROUS OTHERS HAVE GIVEN THEIR CUSTOMERS NOTICE THAT MARCH 4TH WILL BE THEIR FINAL GINNING DATE. HOWEVER, SOME OTHERS WILL HANG ON UNTIL AROUND THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH. WE HAVE BEEN PREDICTING FOR THE PAST TWO OR THREE REPORTS THAT ANOTHER TEN DAYS WILL FINISH GINNING, SO WE WILL JUST STAY WITH THE PREDICTION. SURELY 1500 OR 2000 MORE BALES WILL CATCH THE REMAINDER OF THIS CROP. WE WERE ALL PLEASED TO HAVE MR. LANHAM OF THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE WITH US FOR A TWO-DAY VISIT. MR. LANHAM SPENT WEDNESDAY WITH US, AND THURSDAY HE AND MR. MACKELL COVERED THE LAS CRUCES TERRITORY, SPENDING A CONSIDERABLE PART OF THE DAY AT THE STATE COLLEGE DISCUSSING WITH THEM AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE PLANTING SEED PROGRAM AND SMITH DOXEY WORK IN GENERAL. MR. LANHAM AND MR. BUTTERWORTH LEFT EL PASO YESTERDAY MORNING EN ROUTE TO PHOENIX BY AUTOMOBILE. MR. BUTTERWORTH IS DRIVING MR. LANHAM AS FAR AS PHOENIX, AS TRAIN RESERVATIONS WERE UNOBTAINABLE, AND ALSO THEY WANTED TO CALL ON MR. CRITTENDON IN PHOENIX AND DISCUSS WITH HIM THE MARKET NEWS WORK, AS THERE ARE SOME DETAILS THAT SHOULD BE IRONED OUT. WE ARE NOW IN RECEIPT OF A SAMPLE FORM OF THE NEW TAG. HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE SOME DETAILS TO BE IRONED OUT YET ON THE TAG, AS THE MAKER DEVIATED SOME IN THE SIZE OF THE PRINT AND SPACING OF LINES, ETC. WE HOPE TO HAVE ENOUGH OF THESE SAMPLES IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO SEND TO ANY OF THE OFFICES THAT MIGHT BE INTERESTED. AS STATED PREVIOUSLY, OUR GINNERS HAVE SIGNED UP NEARLY 100% FOR THE COMING SEASON. THERE HAS BEEN VERY LITTLE BUSINESS DONE THE PAST WEEK, NEARLY ALL OF THE COTTON

GOING INTO THE LOAN. EVEN THOUGH THE STORAGE SITUATION HAS EASED, THE MOVEMENT OF COTTON IS SLOW ON ACCOUNT OF THE MANPOWER SHORTAGE. MILL INQUIRIES LIGHT, MOSTLY FOR MEW AND SLMW 1-1/16 TO 1-3/32 FOR PROMPT SHIPMENT. SOME LOCAL BUYING OF THE LOWER GRADES AND MEDIUM STAPLES AROUND LOAN PRICES. SXP QUALITIES CONTINUE TO ENTER THE CCC PURCHASE PROGRAM, AND PROSPECTS ARE THAT ALL OF THE SMALL AMOUNT OF THE REMAINING SXP WILL EITHER GO INTO THE PURCHASE OR LOAN PROGRAM. WE WERE ALL VERY GLAD TO HEAR FROM MISS GALLAGHER, 3RD WAC TRAINING CENTER AT FORT OGLETHORPE, GA. SHE SEEMS TO BE IN THE HIGHEST OF SPIRITS AND VERY MUCH PLEASED WITH HER NEW SURROUNDINGS... NISBETT.

PHOENIX - FAIR WEATHER PREVAILED THE FIRST PART OF THE WEEK, DRYING THE GROUND SO THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR SOME OF THE FARMERS TO RESUME PICKING ON WEDNESDAY. HOWEVER, IT STARTED RAINING AGAIN ON THURSDAY AND CONTINUED THROUGH FRIDAY, SO IT WILL PROBABLY BE THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK BEFORE PICKING AGAIN GETS UNDER WAY. IT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED THAT THERE ARE PROBABLY FROM FIVE TO SEVEN THOUSAND MORE BALES OF COTTON TO BE GINNED, IF WE CAN EVER GET A FEW WEEKS OF OPEN WEATHER SO THE FARMERS CAN GET IT PICKED. RECEIPTS WERE SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN LAST WEEK, BUT MOST OF THIS WAS COTTON THAT HAD BEEN GINNED PREVIOUS TO THE RAINS. LAST WEEK OUR REPORT CARRIED THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF MR. STANLEY RADEMAKER'S INDUCTION INTO THE U. S. NAVY. IT DEVELOPED, HOWEVER, THAT MR. RADEMAKER WAS INDUCTED INTO THE MARINES, INSTEAD. HE LEFT LAST SATURDAY EVENING FOR SAN DIEGO. THERE WAS VERY LITTLE ACTIVITY IN THE COTTON MARKET THE PAST WEEK. BASIS BROKE THIRTY-FIVE POINTS ON SLM AND BETTER, AND AS MUCH AS SEVENTY POINTS ON THE LOWER GRADES. CONSEQUENTLY, MOST OF THIS COTTON IS GOING INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOAN. THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW SMALL LOTS OF SXP IN THE LOWER GRADES SOLD AT SLIGHTLY ABOVE THE LOAN PRICE, BUT AT THIS WRITING IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER MOST OF THIS COTTON WILL BE PURCHASED BY THE MERCHANTS OR PUT INTO THE LOAN.... CRITTENDON.

LOS ANGELES - THIS AREA HAD A RATHER HEAVY RAIN WEDNESDAY AND SHOWERS THURSDAY. BALANCE OF WEEK CLEAR AND COOL, WITH TEMPERATURES FROM 40 TO 60 DEGREES. PRODUCTION WAS LOW THIS WEEK, ABOUT 11,000 NET POUNDS OF COTTON. THE FACTORY IS SHORT OF ORDERS FOR IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT, AND TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAN UP EQUIPMENT. THE REGULAR TESTS FOR FIRE-RESISTANCE, WEIGHT AND THICKNESS WERE MADE AND ALL MATERIAL PROVED VERY SATISFACTORY. SHIPMENTS MADE SINCE LAST WEEKLY REPORT TOTALLED 20,431 NET POUNDS MAKING THE TOTAL SHIPMENTS TO DATE 439,852 NET POUNDS..... DORR.

COTTON CLASSED, WESTERN REGION, THROUGH MARCH 3, 1944.

	WEEK	SEASON						
	TOTAL	CROP	O.G.	FORM A	LOAN	FUTURES	OTHERS	TOTAL
BAKERSFIELD	3903		312,641	2840			958	316,429
EL PASO	1265		174,312	160			2300	176,772
PHOENIX	1906		110,866	31	237			111,134
TOTAL	7074		597,819	3031	237		3258	604,345

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